Scrip Talk



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National Scrip Collectors Association

The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objective of the organization is to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens. The scope of the **NCSA** includes tokens from other industries, as well, such as lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The *Scrip Talk* newsletter welcomes reader submissions on the history of scrip and the related industries that used it. Feel free to submit any ideas, articles or photography that would be of interest to our members. We will gladly credit contributors and, upon request, return submitted items. You may use the mailing address below, or to e-mail information to: *ktraube@suddenlink.net*.

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Spring Scrip Show

April 18 & 19, 2008

Beckley, West Virginia

The *National Scrip Collectors Association* will be holding its annual Spring Scrip Show in Beckley, WV, on April 18 & 19, 2008. The meeting begins at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, the 18th, with a free catered banquet for club members, supplied by the *NSCA*, followed by vendor displays in the conference room for buying selling, and trading. Tables will be set up with thousands of pieces of scrip and a variety of mining-related memorabilia. Contact Jim Singleton [304-442-8214] if you would like to rent a table to display and sell at the show; or with any questions

The best way to expand the hobby of scrip collecting is to involve new people, so members are encouraged to invite a friend or to mention the show to others who might have an interest. Visitors are welcome to participate.

Come ready to make friends and trade scrip!



Activities will be at the Beckley, WV, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. The facility is located less than 1 mile west of I-77/64 at the Harper Road exit; Exit 44. For room reservations: 304/252-2250 or 866/270-5110. Mention the **NSCA**.



Send 58¢ stamp for free sample of *Florida Token Society's* newsletter, **TOKENEWS** and request free Florida token. Check out the Florida Token Society web site: http://www.steve.ratliff.com/fts/- you can join and pay dues on-line! Steve Ratliff, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, FL 32583-7343 Steve@Ratliff.com *

Sara Runyon

Nolan & Mingo Counties, West Virginia

Jim Lackey

Sara Runyon was apparently one of many merchants in Nolan who used scrip for their transactions. Nolan was home to the Northeast Lumber Company and Winifrede Block Mining Company. Nolan is located a few miles down river from Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia and was situated on the Norfolk & Western Railway.

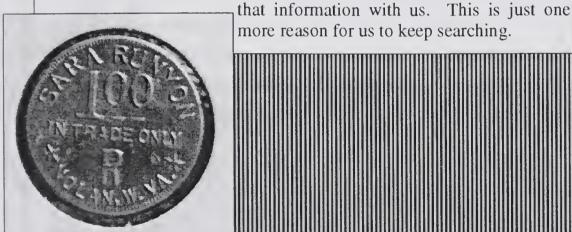
There is only one denomination of Sara Runyon scrip known, and that is the one dollar piece (#2079 xx 100), pictured.

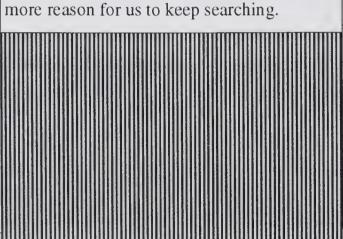
This token was supposedly an unauthorized re-strike, made in 1976 on factory dies, and is only occasionally found. However, I have been unable to find a factory die which would resemble the reverse of the token. The reverse is Master Metal (MM2) by Ingle Schierloh, except it states, "In Merchandise-Not Transferable." Normally it would say, "In Trade."

By contrast, the obverse states, "In Trade Only." Why, then, would it have "In Merchandise" on the reverse.

To be sure, this is an interesting piece. What makes it so puzzling is that on January 3, 1934, Ingle Schierloh Company shipped Sara Runyon 600 pieces of scrip in denominations of one penny to one dollar, 100 pieces if each. The existing one dollar piece may be a re-strike, so it would be interesting to know what the originals were and what became of them.

If anyone has piece of the original scrip, in any denomination, it would be nice if they shared





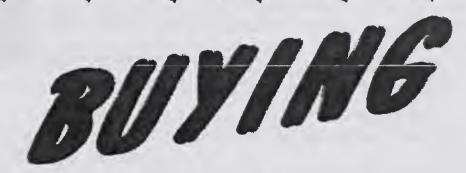


BUYING SCRIP

Will pay \$150 each for any of the following pieces of Kentucky scrip in good condition:

117: A5 B5 C5 E50 169: A10a A10b 184: A5 A25 A50 A100 236: A5 540: A100 622: A2 659: A50 765: D2+1/2 830: A5 B25 B100 922: A5 B5 924: A5 A10 937: A10 1170: A5 1244: A5 A10 A25 A50 A100 1271: J5 1296: A5 A25 1413: C5 C25 B5 A1 1423: A25 A100 1622: A5 1737: I2+1/2 C5 C10 C50 1868: A5 A25 1921: A5 A10 A25 1969: D3 1999: A25 A50 A100 2155: B25 B50 A10 C50 2245: H5 H10 H50 2303: H10 2325: A5 A10 A25 2395: A10 2450: A5 A25 2500: A5 A25 2687: B25 2758: A5 A10 3001: A5 A25 3115: A5

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The New Finds logging is moving along. Thanks to Doug Tolley and Don Clifford for their help submitting information. Please send your new finds my way.

I am logging new tokens either with the foil tracing or computer generated pictures. It depends on where and how I get the information. With the computer pictures I can share any of these upon request. I have the images on a disc.

Don Clifford submitted a foil from Margarette Coal that he believes may be counterfeit. I will try to research this further.

Thanks.

Bill Fugera 28732 Charreadas Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 FUGEWILJ@COX.NET Beaver Dam, KY 185 (Ohio)

TAYLOR COAL CO
D5 Al 23 Oct Sd
Good For / 5 / IN MERCHANDISE

Indian Mountain, TN ? (Campbell)

THE PROCTOR COAL CO. INDIAN / MOUNTAIN / STORE
A5 Al 22 Oct Sd
GOOD FOR / 5 / IN MERCHANDISE

Hitchins, KY 1336 (Carter)

POWELL & COMPANY / HITCHINS / KY / NOT TRANSFERABLE A25 AI ? Rd Sd GOOD FOR / 25 c / IN MERCHANDISE ONLY

<u>Dalna, KY 725 (Letcher)</u> LETCHER COAL MINING CO

B1 Br 18 Rd Co Insurance Credit System

Linton, IN 1645 (Greene)

J W WOLFORD & SONS / LINTON / IND A25 Bi ? Rd Sd GOOD FOR / 25 /PAT. / APPLD. FOR / IN MERCHANDISE

Uniontown, KY, 2861 (Union)

HIGHLAND CREEK / COAL / CO. / INCORPORATED / UNIONTOWN, KY B10 B ? Oct Sd GOOD FOR / 10 / IN MERCHANDISE

Newhall, WV, 239 (McDOWELL)

N. R. & P. STORES / NEWHALL, W.VA A100 Ni 32 Rd Co Orco Reg. U. S. Pat. Off. (2 stars)

Oakmont, WV 2101 (Mineral)

AJAX COAL COMPANY, INC. / 50 / MDSE. ONLY / OAKMONT, /W. VA. E50 B 30 Rd Co MMISC Des. Pat. / In Merchandise

Charmco, WV, 527 (Greenbriar)

CHARMCO SMOKELESS COAL CO., INC./CHARMCO,/W.WA. A5 AI 20 Rd Sd GOOD FOR / 5c / IN TRADE

Clearco, WV, 565 (GREENBRIAR)

CLEAR CREEK COAL CO.,/ 10 / CCC / CLEARCO, W. VA. H10 B 23 Rd Co (14C/O)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING FOILS

Crawford Blakeman, Sr.

A foil impression of a new scrip discovery is an important tool used by the New Finds Editor to get the proper information for publication, as well as supplying the NSCA with a permanent, physical record for future reference. While there are several ways to make a foil, some requiring a moderate amount of equipment, they can also be simply made – I have made thousands using only aluminum foils and an eraser.

An Eberhard Faber # 400 eraser works well, though most pencil erasers will do. I use a medium weight aluminum foil. The light weight foils make the best impressions but are not nearly as durable as heavier foils. Always remember to fold the bright side of the foil around the token. Rub gently with the eraser. Placing the foil in a 2x2 paper coin sleeve, notated with all pertinent information, will be much appreciated.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: 3 Steps

Even an inexpensive digital camera can take excellent photos of scrip. Digital photography allows you to immediately view your pictures and adjust your technique to achieve the best images. Don't be afraid to experiment and discover how your camera takes its best shots.

*1-Always use natural sunlight or florescent lighting. Household incandescent bulbs give photos a 'yellow' tint. Move the scrip in relation to the lighting to discover where to take the best picture.

*2-Use your camera's macro setting, which will allow you to focus very closely on the scrip. The macro button usually looks like this:



*3-If you have a tripod, use it for a sharp, clear image. If not, you may need to brace yourself against a steady object to help you hold the camera still.

New Finds: continued from page 6

Crichton, WV, 697 (GREENBRIAR)

MEADOW CREEK / COAL / COAL CO. / CRICHTON / W. VA. B5 B 21 Rd Sd GOOD FOR / 5c / IN / MERCHANDISE

Quinwood, WV, 2331 (GREENBRIER)

IMPERIAL SMOKELESS COAL CO. / 1 / QUINWOOD / W. VA B1 B 18 Rd Co MMISC Pat. Pend. / In Trade

Clarksburg, WV, 560 (HARRISON)

J. F. STROTHER & CO. / 50 C50 B 30 Rd Co IN TRADE / 50 / PAT. JUNE 1909 / INGLE SYSTEM

Dixie, OH (TOWN NOT LISTED IN EDKINS) (PERRY)

THE / UPSON / C. & M. CO.
A2 B 20 Rd Sd
GOOD FOR / 5c / IN MERCHANDISE

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SCRIP FROM VIRGINIA CITY, VIRGINIA WANTED. Harry. Adkins, 3223 Drake Avenue, Groveport, OH 43125 614-497-2747

WANTED: GREENBRIER COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA TRADE TOKENS AND OTHER TOKENS FROM WEST VIRGINIA Also need Greenbrier County Coal Scrip & Lumber Scrip. Please write with description and price. Donald Clifford, P.O. Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177-0065 email ciff635@aol.com +

"BARGAINS GALORE!" - West Virginia coal tokens, KY, Ohio, Ind, Iowa, Neb good for tokens \$3.00 each Also Casino chips, political buttons. Lists available. Write: Gene Miller, 3306 Startan Court, Louisville, KY 40220 +

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WILL PAY \$100.00 + SHIPPING COSTS for each of the following North Carolina Dun or Bradstreet: 1913, 1897, 1884 & 1882. Bob King, 709 Cardinal Drive, Brevard, NC 28712 phone 828-883-8028 tokenaddict@citcom.net +

FAMOUS READING ANTHRACITE, SCATTER TAG, \$1.00 and SASE. Al Zaika, 201 Bergen Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031-1608

WANTED - ANY COAL SCRIP FROM MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KENTUCKY. Reese Kinney - 270-338-2291 or reeskinney@bellsouth.net +

WANTED: KY 207-A50 or A100 Bell-Jellico Coal Co. Charles Miller, 200@ - 900N, Wawaka, IN 46794 260-502-7009

WANTED: CASCADE 503 - C1 WHITE FIBER SQ. Cassville 505-E100b from Isaac Comire. Cassville 505 Bunker Supply Co. G-1, G-5, G-10a, and G-10b. Send price to: Richard H. Harner, Morgantown Unity Manor, 400 N. Willey Street, Apt. 908, Morgantown, WV 26505 +

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